

Liber A a Petⁿ to the Vpper howse by their Speaker, desyring vindicaōn of their hono^{rs} for certaine harsh speeches uttered by m^r Tho: Greene agst them, taxing them with iniustice for expelling m^r Tho: Mathews out of the howse, refusing to take the oath of secresy, and for their taking the s^d oath in th^t manner.

Vppon debate of which it being conceiued impertinent for the Burgesses to take the oath of secresy in the Lower howse unlesse the same were likewise taken by the Counsell in the Vpper howse, w^{ch} s^d order was brought into the Lower howse viz. whether such members in the Vpper howse, refusing to take the oath of secresy, as the Burgesses, shall haue liberty or vote in the s^d howse, & the howse assented th^t they should not have uote or seate in the s^d howse, during the Assembly, unlesse they assent, & take such oath. And further th^t once reading bee adiudged sufficient for such orders for the speedy dispatch of the Counties busines, notwthstanding the former order for 3 severall readings &c: And the Gou^r told the Speaker that hee should haue an Answer of the Petⁿ the next day after the 2^d vote vppon that Bill.

The howse adiorned by the Speaker 'till tomorrow morning 8 clock.

Thursday 11 Aprilis.

All assembled except as yesterday. A Summons issued out to the Sheriffe for choyce of a new Burgesse in m^r Tho: Mathews stead for S^t Inigos hund^d

Touching the Act of Recognicōn now in dispute some were of opinion that they could not passe it as a p^rpetuall Law, but for some time only. And have liberty to repeale it, when they shall find their liberties or consciences infringed by it. m^r Rob^t Clarke by the Gov^{rs} writt chosen a member of the Vpper howse. The Gov^r remitted all the former fines of this Assembly. The house adiorned till 2 clock afternoone.

Thursday afternoone

ffor the more speedy dispatch, both howses considered of a Committee for perusall of the 16 Lawes. And the Speaker appoynted Cap^t Rob^t Vaughan, m^r Puddington, m^r Hatch, m^r Land, m^r Robins, & m^r Beane for a Committee, & the Gou^r for the Vpper howse appoynted m^r Secretary & m^r Rob^t Clarke to bee of the Committee, who were to meete as often as they thinke fitt, till Wednesday next at 11 clock who had in charge to aduise of the 16 Lawes, whether they think fitt to passe them all or not, & if not all, then w^{ch} of them, & to draw up